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- SUBCHAPTER B. CONSUMER GUIDE TO HEALTH CARE
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Consumer Guide to Health Care

This guide to information for the consumer on the quality of healthcare and to healthcare billing and pricing practices was developed by the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Texas Medical Board. It is required by [Chapter 324, Texas Health and Safety Code](#) and [Chapter 154, Texas Occupations Code](#). These statutes provide for consumer access to health care information and to certain billing information from health plans or from healthcare facilities.

Quality of Care

- [Guide to Quality](#) How to Know it When You See It, from the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- [Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals](#) from the Texas Department of State Health Services
- [Quality of Children's Care in Texas Hospitals](#) from the Texas Department of State Health Services
- [Texas PricePoint](#) developed by the Texas Hospital Association
- [Hospital Compare](#) developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- **Joint Commission**
 - [Quality Check](#)
 - [Certified Organizations](#)
 - [Patient 101: How to Find Reliable Health Information](#)
- [Texas Health Compare](#) developed by the Texas Health Care Policy Council & the Texas Department of Insurance
- [Guide for Consumers and Patients](#), developed by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- Texas Medical Board's [Consumer Resources](#)

Charges for Health Care Services

- [Consumer Guide to Health Care Billing](#), a guide developed by the Texas Department of Insurance
- [Health Care Charges](#), a guide developed by the Facility Licensing Group, Texas Department of State Health Services
- [Texas Health Options](#), a guide developed by the Texas Department of Insurance
- [Your Health Care Coverage](#), developed by the Texas Department of Insurance, provides a general understanding of health care coverage available in Texas

Definitions

External links to other sites are intended to be informational and do not have the endorsement of the Texas Department of State Health Services. These sites may also not be accessible to people with disabilities.

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➤ SECTION 3. Subsection (k), Section 108.009, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(k) The council (department) shall collect health care data elements relating to payer type, the racial and ethnic background of patients, and the use of health care services by consumers. The council (department) shall prioritize data collection efforts on inpatient and outpatient surgical and radiological procedures from hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and free-standing radiology centers.

Outpatient Data Collection

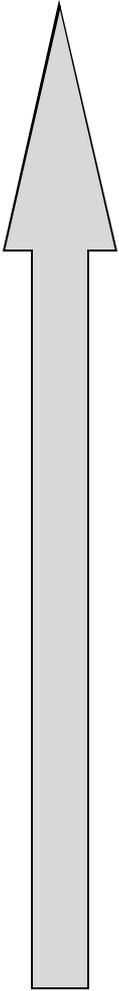
- Data collection limited to outpatients that had surgical or radiological procedures
 - Facilities estimate annual costs ranging from \$0 To \$40,000
- Collected from non-exempt
 - Hospitals
 - Ambulatory Surgery Centers
 - Not collected from free-standing radiology centers

Outpatient Data Collection

Data security and patient confidentiality:

- Secure transmission of data from healthcare facilities to contract vendor
- Secure processing of data by vendor
- Secure transmission of data from vendor to DSHS
- Secure storage of data at DSHS
- Documented processes for handling of data at DSHS
- Oversight of release of data for research by Scientific Review Panel (SRP)

Outpatient Data Collection



- Release of outpatient data – December 2010
- Collection of outpatient data – services in 4th quarter 2009
- Internet-based data collection system in production – October 2009
- Administrative rules adopted – November 2008
- Contract with vendor – August 2008
- S.B. 1731 signed by Governor – June 2007

Outpatient Data Collection

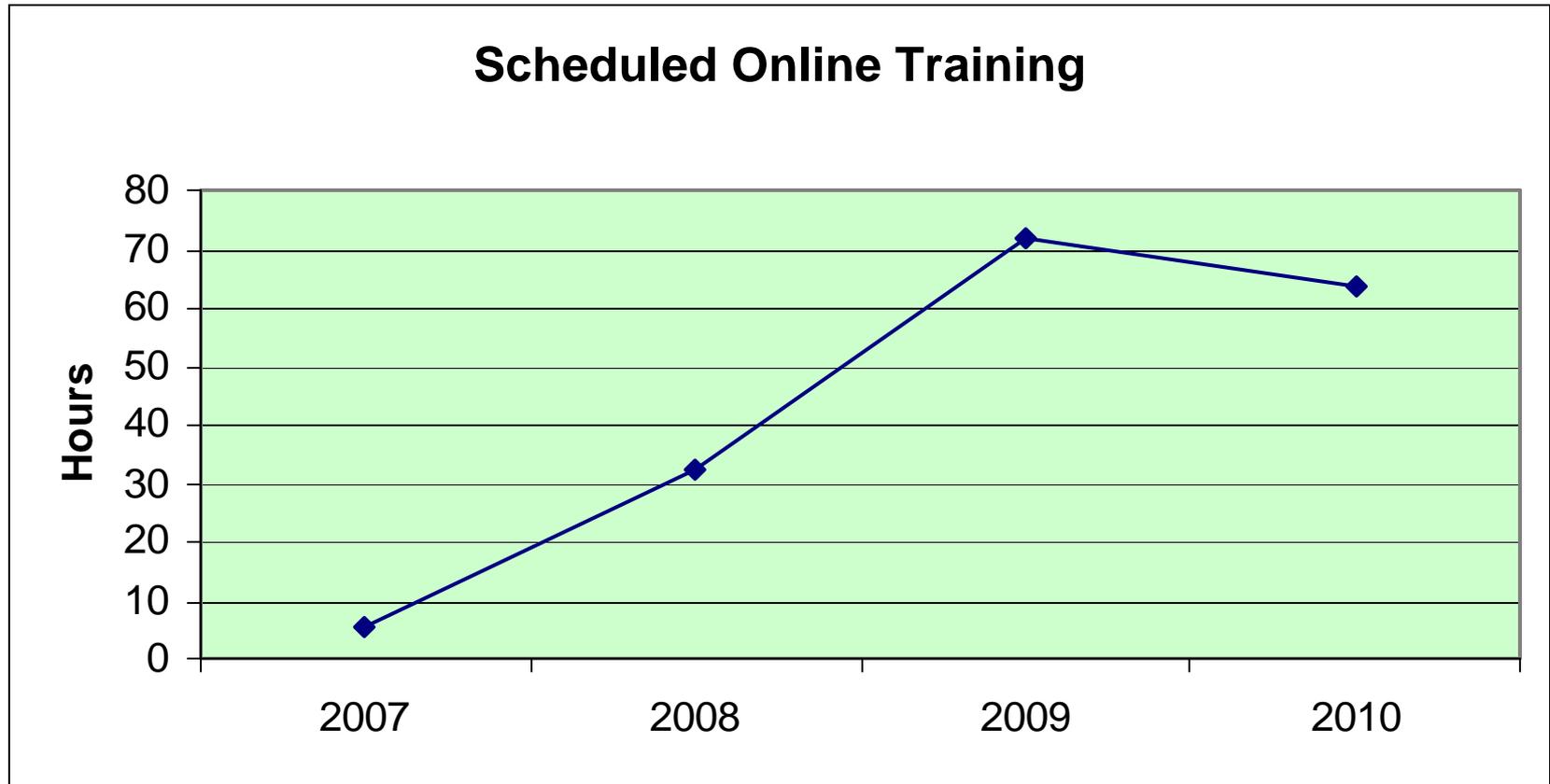
Data Submission Process:

Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			Q1		
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Submit and Correct Q1 Data						Review and Certify Q1 Data						Preparation and release of Q1 data by DSHS		

Processes are required by statute.

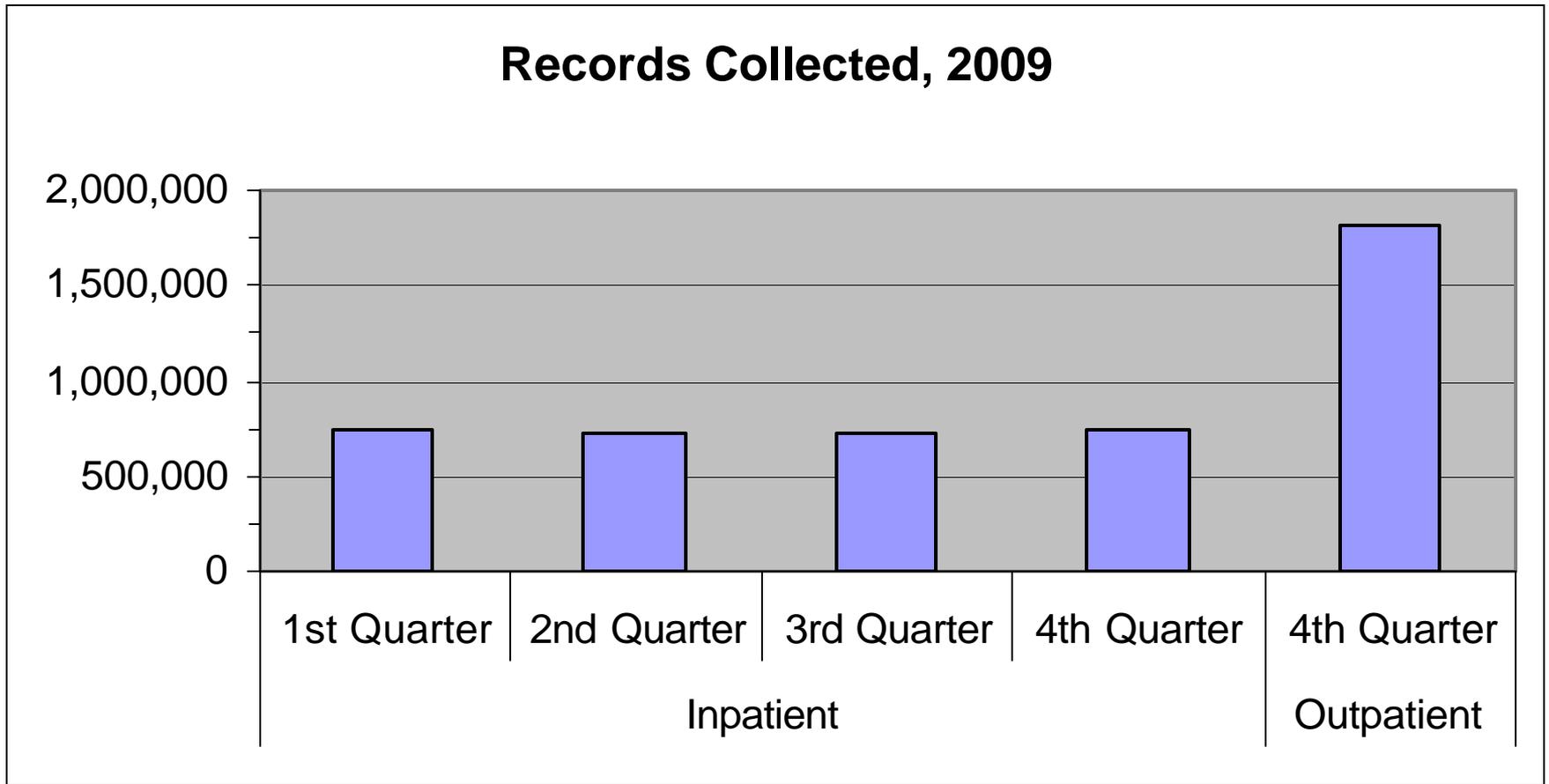
Time limits are set by rule.

Outpatient Data Collection



(Does not include one-on-one training or help via phone or email.)

Outpatient Data Collection



Outpatient Data Collection

15 most frequent procedure codes reported:

- 357,451 Blood count; complete (CBC)
 - 279,174 Routine venipuncture
 - 179,685 Electrocardiogram, tracing
 - 176,933 Comprehensive metabolic panel
 - 147,862 Injection ondansetron HCL per 1 mg
 - 130,787 Emergency dept visit
 - 123,136 Basic metabolic panel
 - 121,421 Computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection; screening mammography
 - 118,235 Chest x-ray
 - 117,496 Injection fentanyl citrate 0.1 mg
 - 116,013 Screening mammography, producing direct digital image, bilateral, all views
 - 111,736 Low osmolar contrast material, 300-399 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml
 - 110,006 CT heart/brain w/o dye
 - 109,914 Therapeutic, prophylactic, or diagnostic injection
 - 108,183 Urinalysis, auto w/scope
- 2,308,032 (24.83 % of total procedures) (Radiological Procedures)

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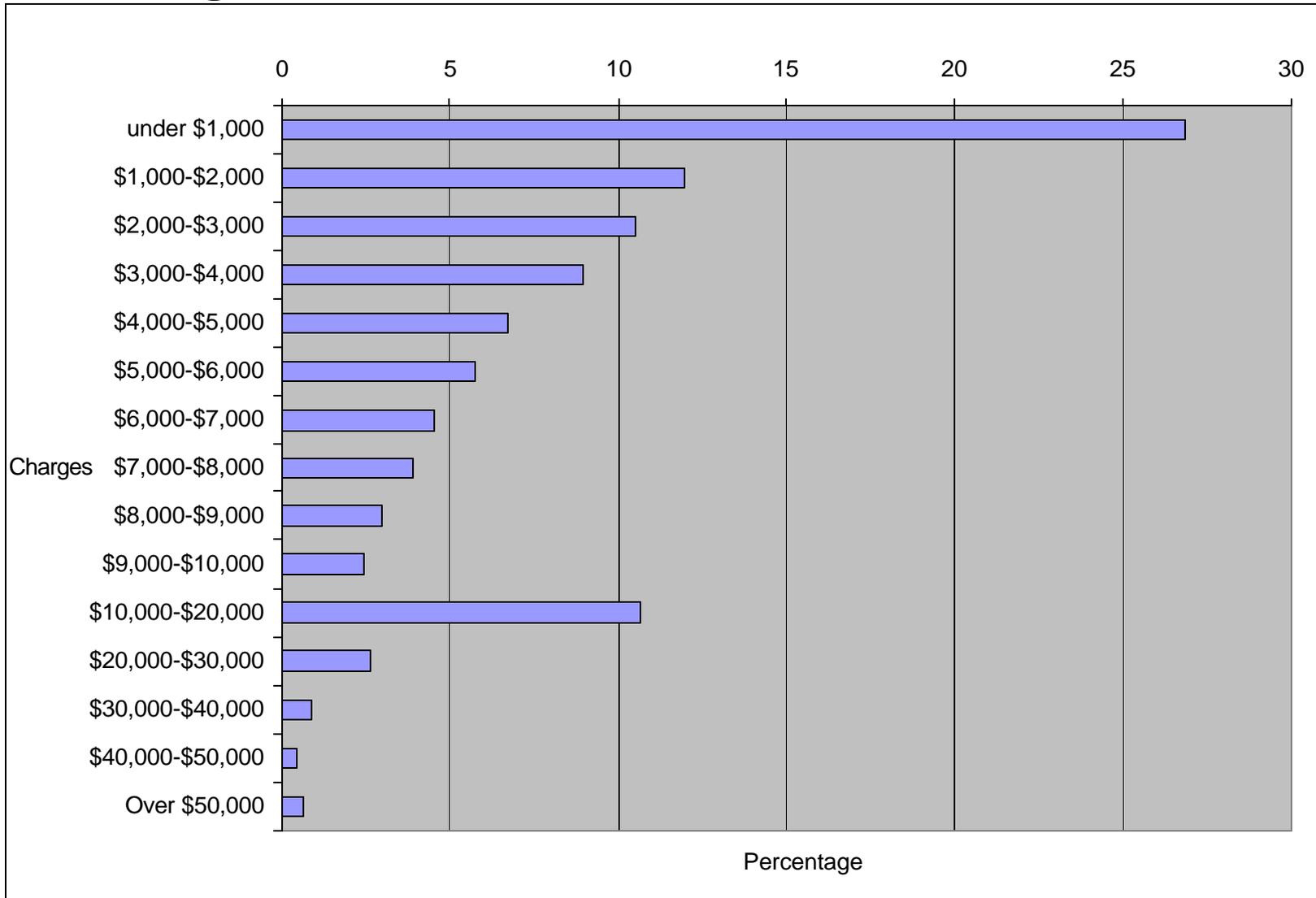
15 most frequent principal diagnosis codes reported:

- 200,348 Other screening mammogram
- 28,891 Colon screening for malignant neoplasms
- 25,793 Abdominal pain
- 23,695 Senile cataract nuclear sclerosis
- 23,355 Headache
- 20,415 Benign neoplasm of colon
- 20,198 Chest pain, unspecified
- 16,790 Lump or mass in breast
- 16,319 Chest pain, other
- 15,292 Thoracic or lumbosacral neuritis or radiculitis, unspecified
- 13,705 Coronary atherosclerosis of native coronary artery
- 13,138 Lumbago
- 12,692 Lumbar intervertebral disc without myelopathy
- 12,649 Lumbosacral spondylosis without myelopathy
- 12,423 Abnormal mammogram, unspecified

455,703 (25.12 % of total patients)

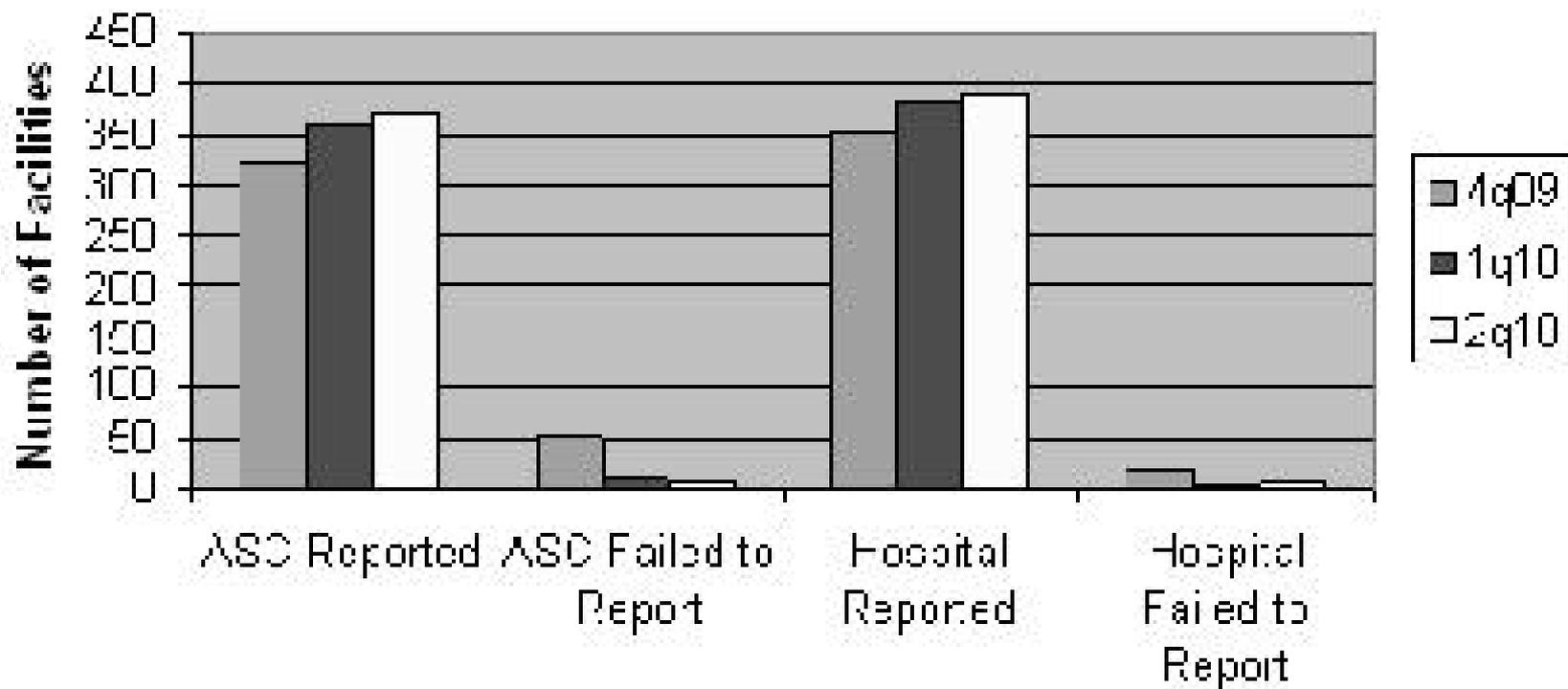
Cancer screening
Heart related
Back related

Charges for Outpatient Services



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Outpatient Data Collection



History of data collection

- 2012 – report on patient safety in hospitals first released
- 2011 – report on readmissions first released
- 2011 – report on outpatient services first released
- 2011 – present on admission indicators collected
- 2010 – outpatient data first released
- 2009 – outpatient data collection began
- 2007 – SB 1731, 80th Legislature
- 2005 – report on children’s hospital quality first released
- 2001 – report on hospital quality first released
- 1999 – inpatient data first released
- 1998 – inpatient data collection began
- 1995 – created by 74th Legislature

Reports on Outpatient Services

Possible reports:

- Number of surgical and radiological procedures performed
- Regional variation in surgical and radiological procedures performed
- Analyses of shifts of services from inpatient to outpatient facilities
- Analyses of inpatient admission following outpatient procedure